

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

NO, I SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO PAY THIS

UNNECESSARY EXPENSE, PRESENTLY I OBTAIN
AN AUDIO TEST FREE, AND IT FROM A COMPETENT, FULLY EQUIPPED
SOURCE

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

IT CAN RESULT IN PAIN FOR SOME HANDICAPPED PERSONS
AND MOST OF US CAN NOT AFFORD EXTENSIVE TAXI
FARE OR LACK RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WHO ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE REQUIRED TIMES

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

YES! I HAVE DONE SO AND AM COMPLETELY
SATISFIED

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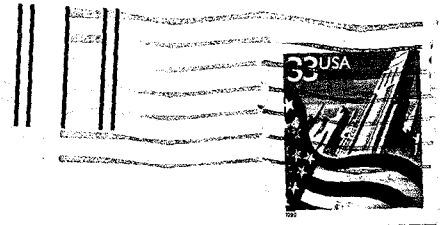
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